

DOMESTIC.

EAST AFR. PROT.
N^o. 4100

C. O.
7100
Rec^d
FEB 27 1908

Office or Individual.

(Subject.)

House B

Commander B

1908

Lake Survey work

16th Feb.

Further observations with ref. to his -
Desires to hear as to Statement of his Account
from E.A.P.

at previous Paper.

W/2336

(Minutes.)

Mr. ~~B. E. Patterson~~

Com^r's grievances are becoming
a permanent feature of E.A. administration.
In his letter of 29th Oct. 07 on 41006/07 he
withdrew all claims on us, & in his
private letter of 20th Jan^r 08 attached to
43701/07 he expressed his intention of
abstaining from further interviews with
members of this Dept.

He has since interviewed the British
in this letter, though he does not
say so - no many words, appears to
be trying to get more money out
of ~~Soviet~~ for his part services.

This is due to our having told him
in our letter of Aug 07 on 30509/07 that
the question of additional remuneration
for his services depended on the existence
and

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Subsequent Paper.

and extent of the balance in respect of returned stores.

From 43701 we learned that the available balance was £163-4-2, inclusive of the value of stores transferred, plus £214 value of returned tools of plant, or £377-4-2, & was accordingly allowed to be paid to S. W. full pay (less pension charge) instead of $\frac{2}{3}$ pay for the period from 17 Oct 07 to 20 Feb 08 during which he was making at home, instead of giving him an honorarium of £100 on the Govt recommendation.

(S. W.) has not acknowledged our letter (of 21st Feb, 43701) & now requests that he may be given the statement of the survey amounts.

I can only conclude that he is dissatisfied with our terms, as he believes there is a large surplus - at least £500, he says - he will, on learning the exact figure, proceed to ask for better terms.

We are under no obligation at all to show him these accounts or to tell him the exact figures of the balance, neither has he any claim whatsoever to receive any part of it, & we see no object in affording him an opportunity of putting forward further claims for remuneration which could only be refused.

The rest of his letter harks back to 1905 & matters which there was no necessity to raise again. 110

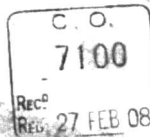
I should therefore reply that the additional remuneration granted to him was fixed after Lord E had taken into account the balance of the survey grants & that he sees no reason for revising the matter in detail as it is now finally disposed of. Your letter of the 21st ult. for the balance of the survey of his now (supd) 157 //3

Invoice 8397

A. J. R.

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W. H. Nichol
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S. L. James Square S.W.
27 Feb. 1908. 301

Mr. Anderson

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was that, — in the letter sent to me at Buenos Aires, it was stated that information would be obtained from the Government of East Africa, regarding my pay, what amount of the survey print remained in hand, & if it was still available.

I made several requests that the accounts of the survey might be sent to me, & the Colonial Office sent a cable about them at my request.

I have never had any information about them at all.

I shall be glad if you now will let me have them, & if you can inform me what the surplus amounts to, excluding my returned instruments & stores:—

I consider it must be at least £500.

I am disposed of. I think you will agree that is only a good reason for making me suffer.

The situation appears to be this —

The Manager of the U.R. made a most uncalculated & imprudent attack on my personal character, with a fit of passion, aggravated by the known bad state of his liver.

He wrote me letters going entirely opposite ways, & gave me a promise that nothing should be written home about the matter since we brought on by the delay in sending the motor cutter. His management of my affairs:—

At his personal request, as a favour to me, I saw Sir D Stewart for the first time in my life, & was told by him that he was very glad to hear from me that the Manager U.R. could settle his difference without his help.

The Manager U.R. made no attempt whatever to do right what he had done, when he treated me as a dead man for my reception by the Colonial Office in 1905.

On my return

return to Africa, he deliberately sacrificed me & my men, to save a, possible, very small amount of extra trouble to the railway. I say, knowing the position well, that the wants of the public service did not require, in any Government Dept whatever, the treatment that was given me.

A plain statement was made that I was away from work through sickness for a long period during part of the time in question I was conducting my triangulation to the South African Boundary Surveys for the purpose of proving it, & by this work the War Office has now found it to be very exact. I was also searching for a rock the 'Hybrid' had struck on & reported in the annual track of steamers near Lintaba. I found the rock ^{off the track} & made it safe by putting it on my map:—

I also examined the depths off Lintaba & found it quite unsuitable for ships to go alongside of, as one of the captains had already agreed to do. —

The British place of Duguid's Harbour was carried out when I was said to be unfit for work. — These are facts which cannot be denied.

You seemed to think I should not have referred to the Manager's treatment of me again, I should not have done so if his letter of 20 June 1905 had not been referred to again in your letter to Buenos Aires:—

I am sorry I shall be out of Town next week, so I shall not be able to see you again unless you would write me to call later on

I shall be much obliged if you will have this letter registered and hoping to hear from you

regarding the statement of my accounts
from the Governor of East Africa
I enclose

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Yours truly,

R. Whitcombe

L. A. 100/100. 100. 100.
Colonial Office

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1st Lt. Col. G. G. ...

23rd March 1908

DRAFT

Com^{dr} B. Whitehead
R.N.

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Lobb 19/8
- Mr. Read
- Mr. Just
- X Mr. Anstons 20 f.s.
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

for caution, after speaking to Mr. Anstons.

Copy of Sftc on 43701. Sftc
Sftc to Gov. EAT. inf Lt
w. ref to Sftc on 43701
and 4100.

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up to Gov No 1149. 26 H.L.

Dear Captain Whitehead

~~I have directed by
the Sftc to form
a committee
to consider~~

Your letter of the 26th registered of February last has been registered, and ~~as you suggested, and to your success of~~ it has been carefully ~~been~~ considered.

2. I have to inform you that ~~before~~ deciding upon the amount of the additional remuneration which has been granted to you in respect of your work in this capacity from October, 1906, until February, 1907, Lord Elgin ~~has~~ taken account of the ~~unexpended~~ balance of the survey

grant and of the
sum realized by
the re-transfer of the
tools, & plant, originally
lent to you.

The total amount
was £377 and
not £500, as stated
you surmise on
the second page
of your letter under
reply. - however,
3. This amount has
now been paid, and

~~has been~~ the
of ~~the~~ that
no useful purpose
would be served by
going into the
details of ~~your~~
request that you
may be furnished
with a statement
of the Lake Survey
Account. The
I am accordingly
to say that

The decision to
grant you pay at
the rate of £720
a year from the 17th
Oct. 1906 to the 20th

£437.01

£1007 which
was commenced
to you in the

~~had been~~ the
was looked upon here
matter as having
been finally closed
by the letter

addressed to you on the
21st of February last. I
was hoping that
this decision will
be very satisfactory
to you

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I am sorry to gather
from your letter
that you should
not be satisfied
with this
decision as satis-
factory as we
hoped that it w
be to you.

I am
Yours very faithfully
R. A.